GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Spread of Pathogenic Bacteria
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware about the spread of pathogenic bacteria burkholderia pseudomallei, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to contain the spread of the bacteria in the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): As informed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Burkholderia pseudomallei, is the causative agent of Melioidosis disease. Burkholderia pseudomallei is rapidly gaining recognition as the etiological agent of community acquired pneumonia and septicemia in the Indian subcontinent. Increasing number of cases are being reported from the south western coastal part of Karnataka. Kasturba Medical College, Manipal has diagnosed nearly 300 cases of Melioidosis in the last 10 years.

(b): Under the ad-hoc project funding scheme, Indian Council of Medical Research has funded a project focusing on determination of epidemiology of Melioidosis using microbiological, environmental and molecular approach.